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The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## AMENDMENTS

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert -- This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/FI99/00185 which has an International filing date of March 11, 1999, which designated the United States of America. -